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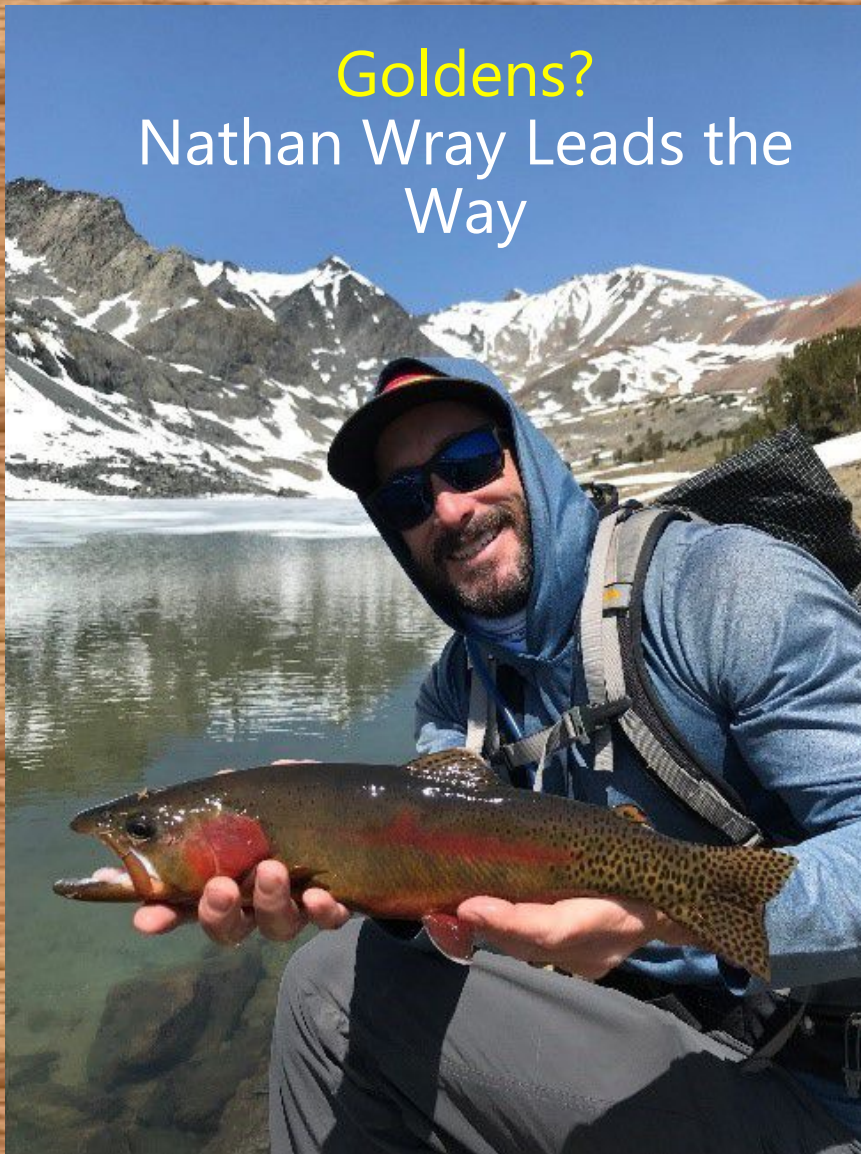
San Diego Fly Fishers

May 2020

Cleaner Water, Brighter Streams, Better Fishing

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## Club Meeting Live via video conference!



**Monday, May 4th 7:30 p.m.**

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Time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers for 2020.

# President's Message

The way of life we knew six weeks ago is gone. I believe what we are facing is a new normal. Everything about how we move forward in the face of this pandemic and future mutations of COVID-19 will change our way of life. The way we work, learn, recreate, communicate, and travel will change. While the threat of pandemic was discussed for years, no one took it seriously or anticipated the catastrophic impact to our lives, our economy, and the world we have seen in the last month. Suddenly the COEXIST sticker has tangible relevance. Cooperate on a global scale or perish. We are a resourceful, creative, hardworking people. I believe we will learn from this, make positive changes taking full advantage of new technologies, and be wiser as a result.

As a fishing club, we have taken advantage of video conferencing applications in our weekly fly-tying congress. I suggested to Mel Ochs this platform would work well for sharing fly tying ideas and demos, along with providing a means to stay in touch with fellow feather benders. The guys learned the applications with help from Tim Huckaby, Andrea and Alex Rae, and have established a recurring weekly video fly tying congress. Tim has also helped us convene our monthly Board of Director meetings using a similar application.

Also, for the first time in club history, we will hold a video conferenced monthly meeting. Mike Gilroy and Tim Huckaby will send out the invite for the video conference featuring our May 4<sup>th</sup> Speaker, Guide Nathan Wray, who will discuss the spring creeks and golden trout of the eastern sierra.

I am discussing the reduction in access to city lakes with Jim Brown and Bruce Smith. A letter to the city is in the works which will offer recommendations to allow more public access to our city lakes. We are all anxious to get back on the water, but you cannot fish if you are not breathing. We need to be smart about getting back to our activities. We will start tomorrow with the first phase of the San Diego beach openings. If people abuse the rules, no doubt tighter restrictions will follow. Fortunately, by definition, our sport is principally a solo exercise. That is the draw for some of us, solitude and serenity in a beautiful natural setting. It's easy for us to keep our distance and wear face masks, our face protecting sun buffs are part of our gear.

Let us be safe out there and hope for a controlled opening later this spring,

Jim Castelluzzo  
April 28, 2020

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# Join us!

## Speaker Programs

# Zoom!

**Monday, May 4, 2020 7:30pm – 9:30pm**

**Nathan Wray**    *Chasing Golden Trout*

**Join Zoom Meeting :**

<https://zoom.us/j/97836563051?pwd=QXJHT05wejdWM3dRZnB5ZHlhK3AyZz09>

Meeting ID: 978 3656 3051

A few ground rules so that this call will be enjoyable to all and that we do not interfere with the Speaker's presentation or questions submitted by participants. Please review the following before you login into the call:

- Find a place to participate where there will not be lots of background noise or activity  
Please be sure that you have a good connection to the internet.
- Please test your camera, speakers and microphone before joining the meeting to be sure they are working on your end.
- If you want to share your video so others to see you, have a light source in front of you rather than behind you.
- If you do not wish to share your video please turn off or cover your camera.
- Everyone who connects to the call will have their audio muted by default. The moderator will control the audio and unmute your microphone when you are going to ask a question or make a comment.
- Please Learn the controls at the bottom of the Zoom Meeting window. (scroll over the bottom to see the toolbar)
- If you wish to ask a question please send a message to the moderator using the chat function or raise your hand using the participants function (this can be done at any time).
- The presentation the Speaker and moderator will coordinate on responding to anyone who wishes to ask a question.

We will wait until the end of the presentation to allow people to ask questions and comment. We will call upon you and allow you to speak. Hopefully, this will go smoothly. Please be patient.

Mike Gilroy,  
Media Coordinator

# Happenings

## Recent updates regarding access to fishing

### Trout Fishing:

As requested by county officials, California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Director Charlton H. Bonham **delayed the start of the trout opener** in Alpine, Inyo and Mono counties. The director made this decision in consultation with California Fish and Game Commission President Eric Sklar.

The trout season was scheduled to open in these three counties this Saturday, April 25. The delay to the opener in these counties expires May 31, 2020.

"After talking with the county representatives, we agreed this was a necessary step toward being responsive to local needs in this public health emergency," said CDFW Director Bonham. "These counties asked for our help, and we responded."

Specifically, this means all waters in these three counties not currently open to fishing will remain closed to fishing until May 31. After local government coordination in Alpine, Inyo and Mono counties, CDFW is also making minor adjustments to bag and possession limits in waters that are currently open for fishing to protect and conserve the existing fisheries that may be affected by increased angling pressure or harvest. These modifications will also expire May 31. Pursuant to the emergency regulation approved by the Commission, CDFW will provide online or by phone at (916) 445-7600.

Today's decision does not affect the trout season in any other county.

### Beach and Bay Fishing:

#### San Diego City Beaches to Re-Open Monday At Sunrise, With Restrictions

*8 a.m. Saturday, April 25, 2020*

San Diego will launch Phase 1 of its beach re-opening plan on Monday morning (April 27) at sunrise. The decision to re-open the beaches comes after county health officials approved re-opening beaches next week. Phase 1 of the city's plan allowed limited coastal activities in the following areas:

**Beaches and shorelines:** Only walking and running allowed. No stopping, sitting or lying down

**Oceans and bays:** Swimming, surfing, kayaking and single-person paddling allowed

**Closed:** Boardwalks, piers, parking lots and Fiesta Island

**Not allowed anywhere:** Gatherings and non-physical distancing activities – *KPBS News*

Also, beginning May 1<sup>st</sup> if you are outdoors and within six feet of someone (other than household members), you are required to wear a mask.

# Happenings

## **SDFF Club Trip - The Clark Fork Outpost on the Clark Fork River September 3rd – 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Hola Anglers. Assuming we are clear of the world's current virus issues, the club will be headed back to Montana! Please consider joining me, Tim Huckaby, and a bunch of other fun club members for the fly fishing trip of a lifetime...again. This one is a bucket-lister...again.... a few of us have already checked this off the bucket list. Working with lodge owner Mike Hillygus, now a long-time friend of the club and multiple time donator to the annual fundraiser, we have picked the exact week of the year that this remote stretch on the Clark Fork River typically fishes its best. Yes, that means unless you want to target that big 32" brown with a streamer we will most likely be dry fly fishing the entire time. Nymphing means ridiculous results. Big Fish: West Slope Cutthroats, Rainbows, Browns and even Bull Trout! Mike from the Clark Fork River Outpost is giving us \$550 off normal prices.



### **Trip Details:**

September 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2020

2 travel days (plenty of DIY fishing opportunity or simply relaxing with a high-end cocktail and appetizers)

3 full guided days in drift boats in between the travel days. 2 anglers per drift boat

Pre-arranged float plan with rotation of the guides and fishing partners (unless you have a buddy you want to fish with all 3 days).

4 nights at the Clark Fork Outpost right on the Clark Fork River ~60 miles north and downstream from Missoula in the middle of the wilderness (Closest City: St. Regis, MT).

3 full guided days of fishing on the world-famous Clark Fork River in drift boats with the Missoula area's best fishing guides.

Gourmet / high end meals, wines and liquor

\$1950 (\$550 off regular price; ½ the price of the high-end MT lodges). MT regulates guides fees.

I believe it's \$550 /day, but many guides charge more. So, we are getting a sweet deal.

Transfer to and from the Missoula airport is included

Not included: getting to Missoula, Guide Tips, MT fishing License

Maximum of 14 people (fyi, we had a waiting list last year)

Lodge details here: <http://stillwaterriveroutpost.com/clark-fork-outpost>

If interested, please send me an email: [TimH@InterKnowlogy.com](mailto:TimH@InterKnowlogy.com) and I'll get you on "the list". I have a handful of you on the list already. Because we are most likely looking at quarantine for a good part of the Spring at least, we won't consider doing the 50% deposit thing until the summer timeframe, earliest.

# Happenings

## Fly Fishing the Upper Kern River... by way of backpacking the Forks of the Kern Trailhead



**I would like to gauge interest in a potential club trip to "The Forks".** A handful of SDFF club members have joined me in 2 and 3 nighters in the wilderness at "the forks" over the years to this special fly-fishing paradise. I have always promised to do the planning for a club trip. On the assumption the world is free of its current virus issues, I'd like to gauge interest. This is a backpacking trip. I backpack as a means to an end: Fly fishing. I don't hike for the sake of hiking. Backpacking is physical; this trail is physical (although rated as "medium"). It is a reverse hike (you hike in heavy with food and adult beverages down 1000

feet into the canyon and hike out lighter). It's not in significant altitude (less than 4,000 ft), but the hike out can be tough if you are not fit and/or if it's hot. If you want to learn more about the location: the trailhead crosses the Little Kern River just above the confluence of the Little Kern and the Main fork of the Kern River. It's about an hour north of the little town of Kernville, CA.

There is also tons of information and guidance and stories about the forks on my site at [www.TimHuckaby.com](http://www.TimHuckaby.com)

So, if interested please email me at: [TimHuck@InterKnowlogy.com](mailto:TimHuck@InterKnowlogy.com) We'll work on dates later. Because of the below average snowpack year we'll be able to get in there and get lower flows conducive to great fishing between mid-July and mid-November.



Editor's note: My son and I camped here in 2018, well worth the hike!



Native Kern River Rainbow

## Feature Article

### Bone Slime By Joel Stewart

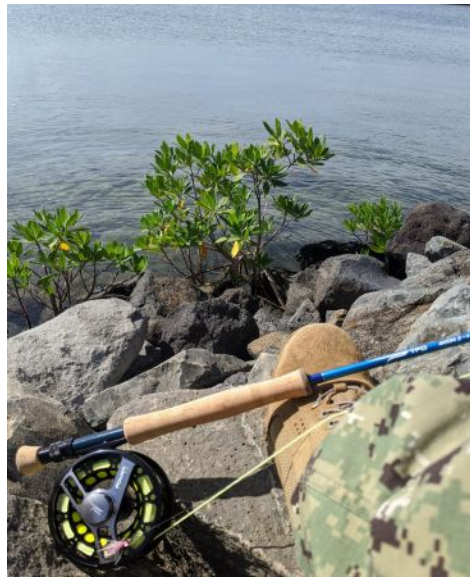
*...bonefish are my nemesis.*

I have been to Hawaii dozens of times but only one trip was not work related. In the past dozen trips, I have pursued bonefish when I have had a bit of time to myself. I have always fished on Oahu. I always fished without a guide. It is always without success.

While not found in large numbers like more famous destinations, I have always managed to find o'io. Lots of them. Many of them beasts that Hawaii is famous for. I've watched them tailing in skinny water. I've watched them mudding in deep channels. I've watched them cruising over grassy flats. I have watched them passing through gaps in the mangroves. I have watched them feeding in breaking waves along the edge of the flats, flashing brightly in the sun. It is never a problem finding them. Catching one is another matter entirely.

I usually only have a few hours to fish on my trips to the island. The one exception was when one of my ships I was assigned to pulled in for a port call and I had a couple days off to try sticking one of the silver ghosts. I've waded the flats and stalked through the mangroves to get shots at them. I've spooked them by casting too close. I've missed them by casting early and seeing them change course. I've watched them follow the fly and then snub the offering. I even had a take by a big bonefish, only to bust it off by lifting the rod rather than strip setting.

Feeling that tug was my consolation prize. I think I've made every mistake in the book regarding



**Looking for bonefish at lunchtime.**

bonefish. I know I could improve my odds by hiring a guide. I even know some good guides. However, with each failed attempt my desire to get it done on my own grew.

I am not saying I haven't caught fish in Hawaii. Several species of fish have bent my fly rod in Hawaii, to include barracuda, trevally, and ladyfish. But bonefish are my nemesis.

This year, as I was getting ready to go on leave for Thanksgiving, I learned I was needed in Pearl Harbor the week after the holiday. So I packed two sets of bags. One for Pennsylvania and one for Hawaii. Trout gear in one and flats gear in

the other. I would have just a few hours at home between trips. Pennsylvania was a great trip despite finding my favorite stream dead. Delays while returning to California gave me just five hours to swap bags, nap, and shower before I was in the air over the Pacific.

My conference ran Tuesday through Thursday. Monday and Friday were the travel days. I had Monday evening, and lunch breaks to fish. There were three places I knew of within walking distance of either the conference building or quarters. I did have an official event near the Hickam flats, but the timing didn't work with the tides.

I got settled into my room and set out to find food and check out the water. It only took moments until I was at the water's edge. I ate my sandwich and watched a sea turtle snorkeling on the flats. Then I saw the blue green shape glide onto the flat. A double digit o'io was right in front of me. Taking Kenny Abrams advice, I didn't run for my rod, I just watched. The big fish slowly cruised following the lines of sand between rocks. It occasionally turned sharply and dipped its head. Twice it rolled to the side. Both maneuvers were no doubt to capture some poor creature for dinner. The fish swam into the setting sun's glare and disappeared.

## Feature Article, cont.

I ate the remains of my supper chases with the last of my water as I walked over to my gear. I'd rigged up TFO's new Axiom II-X in a 9ft 8wt with a Power Reel. It would be y first casts with this new rod. At the end of a 8ft 15lb leader was a size 12 LBFF (Lefty's Bonefish Fly). I tie them small but heavy for Hawaii. Obviously I am not an expert on bonefishing in Hawaii but there just didn't seem to be a lot of big critters on the flats so I went small. The water is deep (3-4ft) so the weight is necessary. Now I just needed another fish to come by.

It didn't take long. A smaller fish followed the path of the first one. I pulled out line as and readied a cast. The rod felt light but substantial in my hand. It is fast and I was looking to get a 50 foot cast right out of the tube. Two false casts and line shot out and over the water just like I wanted. I put the fly where I thought my quarry would go, let it sink, and waited. I'd learned not to move the fly until a fish was within four feet. This cast however was in vain. The fish closed me, then reversed course into deeper water. It had just melted into the glare line when a pair of o'io made their way into my field of view. I let my fly right where it landed and watched them. They were on a direct course to my offering. Suddenly they broke hard right, darting away with puffs of silt marking their exit. I hadn't moved a muscle and wondered what spooked them. A snort answered my question as a turtle surfaced.

Seems my luck regarding bonefish was holding. I waited a half hour longer looking for more targets but none showed. A small barracuda disclosed his hiding spot along the rocks as I turned to go. He quickly pounced on a fast stripped Clouser. Like the asp I caught in Iraq, small 'cudas don't fight long but they sure hammer the fly! I was happy to end the day without being skunked.



Rain showers kept me off the water at lunch Tuesday. I went to the conference center before dawn on Wednesday to see what might be moving. I found fish tailing in glassy water. I had several shots at the pod but no takers before the day started. On this day I was able the get out at lunch. I saw several nice fish but the wind made it really hard to get a cast in front of them. I lined one and two others altered course away from my fly. A fourth fish however increased my heart rate.

A big bone seemed to appear out of nowhere right in front of me. I froze and waited to see where it might end up. It moved down the bank to my right and stopped to root just on the edge of visibility. I made a short cast right in front of me in case it doubled back. It did! I couldn't believe it. The fish was heading right to my fly. It was hard to wait and animate at just the right moment. I twitched

when the fish was about two lengths away and it swung right to it. In my mind I was repeating "don't trout set, idiot, don't you do it!" With each hop of the fly the fish would chase and my heart would stop. Finally it turned up its nose and moved on. So close! My pulse hammered and my breathing was raspy. I shaky legs I headed back to work.



## Feature Article, cont.

My final chance to fulfill my goal of landing a *o'io* was the last day of the conference, Thursday at lunch. We had a bit longer break and so I tried a different spot. I had packed a change of clothes as it had been quite warm fishing in uniform the day before. On my way there I spotted a mongoose. They are found all over the island. Brought in to control cane toads, they have learned to get by on bugs and bird eggs.

As I eased up on the location I could see the water was a bit cloudy. I could see a bit but not as far as I could at the other location. It was enough as a dark form ghosted past. I was in an intercept position where I could cast, let my fly settle, and wait for a fish. It worked. After a few minutes, a pair came in. I swam the fly to them but was too slow and they swam past it and out of sight. I began to strip in to recast. Bam! Something grabbed my fly and was taking off like a torpedo. Line flew through my fingers. Almost immediately the reel was singing that siren song fisherman love. I maneuvered along the rocky shore while the fish ran into a spot where I could land it. Just about when I thought I'd see backing go out the guides, the fish slowed and I began to gain back line. About half way in, it took off again and I watched line melt off the reel. This run was short and when it turned I began regaining line. Moments later my prize was in hand. Not a big bonefish by any standards but not tiny either. I would have been elated with a foot-long fish. This was a trophy that took me nearly a decade to catch; it was worth it, I finally got bonefish slime on my hands!



*O'io*! Not the biggest but the best because it ends my quest!

<https://krazygoof.wordpress.com/>

# Planned Trips 2020

Here are the outings planned for the coming year.

**Future trips are subject to postponement based on closures,  
but we will keep the list posted and hope for the best.**

**May 17** – Sunday : Tube/Kayak – Lake Morena for Carp, Bass, Panfish

**June 6-14** – Estero Coyote Baja Trip

**June 20** – Saturday : Shorepounders – North Torrey Pines State Beach for Corbina & Surf Perch

**July 12** – Sunday : Tube/Kayak – Otay Lake for Bass & Panfish

**August 22** – Sunday : Tube/Kayak – Shelter Island Launch, on Rising Tide

**September 20** – Sunday : Boat/Kayak – Lake Cuyamaca for Trout, Bass, Crappie & Bluegill

**October 17** – Saturday : Tube/Kayak – Tidelands Park for Spotted Bass & Halibut

**November 15** – Sunday : Tube/Kayak – Lake Murray for Trout & Bass

**December 12** – Saturday : Tube/Kayak – Coronado Cays, Grand Caribe for Spotted Bass Slack, then Falling Tide, 6:50am High 7.2'; 1:52 Low -1.0'

For more information Please contact **Kai Schumann** or look for details in the Indicator. Questions?  
Contact us at [outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com](mailto:outings@sandiegoflyfishers.com)



# SDFF Women's Program

More information about future events as they become available. It will be posted here and on Facebook and the Indicator.

Contact Sherry Ashbaugh, [Women's Program](#)



# Fly of the Month



## Selby Sly Fly – Silver and blue.

This attractive three-inch long streamer was tied by Grace Kellogg, His and Her Fly Shop at the Southern California Federation of Fly Fishers / Marriott's show in Fullerton, CA. November 2004. This fly is also good when tied in Orange and Gold.

Hook:	Mustad 34011 size 2 (stainless steel)
Head:	Silver cone head bead, large.
Thread:	Gudebrod light blue thread 6/0 or Danville flat waxed 3/0 (when orange)
Tail:	Six Blue Pearl Flashabou, two silver Flashabou, two white hackle tips.
Underbody:	Blue thread
Body:	Pearl Ice Chenille. Large
Wings:	Two bundles of light blue pearl Flashabou
Collar:	White hackle.

1. Debarb the long shank hook and thread a large silver cone head bead onto the hook.
2. Mount the hook in the vise and attach the bright blue thread behind the bead. Gudebrod 6/0 is the only brand that has this bright blue thread currently. Create a smooth thread base to the bend of the hook, stopping above the hook barb.
3. Begin tail by cutting two strands of silver flashabou about 5 inches long. Double the two strands and attach at the bend of the hook. Trim the four fibers at 1 shank length. Now select two white hackle tips about a hook length long. Prepare them by placing the dull concave sides out. Place the stems on top of the hook and silver Flashabou and make several soft wraps. Make sure the hackles will flare out and then make several tight wraps to secure.
4. Cut six to eight strips of Blue Pearl Flashabou about 6 inches long. Fold over to double the number of strands for the tail. Place on top of the white hackles and secure with tight wraps at the connection. Trim to length of the hackles.
5. Cut a strip of large Pearl Ice Chenille about six inches long. Prepare for attachment by stripping the fibers from ¼ inch of one end. Attach the chenille to the hook at the bend. Secure to your material holder spring.
6. Make a nice smooth underbody of blue thread by wrapping to the rear of the cone and make a half hitch to secure. Now wrap the Ice Chenille forward to a point 1/8 inch behind the cone. Secure with several layers of blue thread.
7. The wings on this fly are mounted on each side of the body. Cut a bundle of about 10 blue pearl Flashabou approximately four inches long. Place the middle on bundle on the side close to you just in front of the ice chenille. Make several wraps of thread and then pull the front fibers back to form a side wing of about 20 fibers. Make two or three wraps of thread over the flash to secure. Create a second side wing on the other side in the same manner. Trim the ends of the wings at and just past the bend of the hook. Cut the ends with the scissors at a slight angle to keep from making a blunt wing. The bottom fibers were cut longer than the fibers on the top of the wing.
8. Make a collar by selecting a white hackle with barbs sized at a gap and ½. Attach the hackle stem and then take a wetted thumb and finger to bend the hackles to the same side of the stem. Make only two wraps of hackle and then secure with blue thread. Trim excess stem.
9. Stroke the collar fibers to the rear and make a few wraps of thread over the base of the hackle.
10. Create a smooth accent of blue thread between the collar and the silver bead. This blue section is about 1/8-inch-wide and the thread is built up enough to keep the bead from sliding to the rear. Whip finish behind the bead and

For more information contact [Lucky Ketcham](#)

# Rod Building

Stay tuned for when classes will resume. Space will be limited to ensure quality time for each student. Dates will be announced in the Finny Facts.



In the interim, if you are beginning your own project and would like some advice or recommendations please free to contact [Jack Duncan](#)

Rod Building help is an important benefit of being a San Diego Fly Fisher. In the coming editions of Finny Facts and on the Website look for "Tips from Jack" to help those who want to build their own rod.

....."the greatest 5 weight of all time...that will never be matched in 100 lifetimes....which has literally bagged hundreds of trout in its short 9 month lifespan.... has the words "Tim Huckaby" painted on the butt section....and was built on Winston boron III LS blanks by the world famous Jack Duncan".

**JACK'S TIP OF THE MONTH- "LIFE IS LIKE A FLY ROD". MAKE YOUR OWN."** Ray Mehl

# Casting Corner

## San Diego Fly Fishers Casting Program 2020

We are please to announce our casting instruction program for 2020. Led by our certified casting instructor John Wylie, we hope that this will provide a more focused approach to help improve your casting skills.

Note: These lessons replace our legacy "intermediate sessions". The Sdff beginners casting sessions held at Lake Murray on Sundays remain unchanged. These lessons are intended to build skills over a two class course. Participants will gain the most by attending both class sessions per focused area.

These classes are open to all members of San Diego Fly Fishers and Golden State Flycasters. Sign up early to reserve your place.

For questions and to sign up please contact: [John Wylie](#) or look for a sign up sheet at the monthly meetings.

Casting 101 (two sessions)

Will cover the basics of Equipment, Knots and Fly Casting.... Good for an introduction or review of the basics.

**Times and dates to be announced.**

Session 1 Location Mission Bay Playa II Grass area near the round covered patio.

Session 2 Lake Murray

Cost: \$20 (please bring to the first session)

Limit 20

Teach the Teacher- Review

Lake Murray

No Cost

Intermediate Casting Skills (two sessions)

Focus is on Fly line Control, Loop Control, Accuracy and Presentation Casts

Mission Bay/Ski Beach

Cost \$20

Limit to 20

Advanced Casting (2 two sessions)

Learn/Review the Double Haul and casting for distance

Mission Beach/Ski Beach

Limit to 10

Cost \$10

# Conservation & Education

## From Gary Strawn, the Conservation Chair:

We have been busy spending your money! Each year we budget thousands of dollars to various conservation and education organizations, focusing on those in our region. This year, with so many local non-profits struggling, Mike Gilroy suggested that we send our donations early while it is most needed. The Board approved and we have sent out the following donations:

\$1,000	San Diego River Park Foundation, for water monitoring
\$1,000	Cal Trout, South Coast Steelhead Recovery Project
\$500	Hubbs Sea World Research Institute, halibut restoration project
\$500	Trout Unlimited, steelhead restoration
\$1,000	Lake Cuyamaca Foundation, trout hatchery project
\$1,000	Living Coast Discovery Center in Chula Vista
\$500	Native Fish Society, Eel River project
\$1,250	San Diego State University Foundation, hydrologic study of Casa Vieja Meadow in the Golden Trout Wilderness



Thanks to your generous support of our fundraising event last June, we are still well within our budget and can still cover the expected expenses for Golden Trout and Trout in the Classroom later this year. Speaking of Golden Trout and Trout in the Classroom, those two major conservation and education projects are on hold. I expect both projects will resume by fall, but our June Golden Trout trip is in jeopardy. I'm in contact with Inyo National Forest rangers and hope to kluge together a small trip to at least protect the upper meadow before the cattle arrive.

If you are interested but not sure if you are on my email list, please email me at: [conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com](mailto:conservation@sandiegoflyfishers.com)



## **Due to current restrictions, program is dark through July 1st**

Project Healing Waters (PHW) Fly Fishing is dedicated to the physical and emotional rehabilitation of disabled active military service personnel and disabled veterans through fly fishing and associated activities including education and outings. San Diego Fly Fishers (SDFF) is proud to be a local affiliate of PHW. Our San Diego based program, serves veterans locally by providing opportunities to learn fly casting, fly tying and fly fishing. We are a service organization and are pleased to offer opportunities to our veterans to help them find out more about the arts associated with fly fishing. If you are looking for a good way to contribute to our veterans and your Club, please let us know.

Help us find Veterans in Need!

Our Club has an exceptional team of dedicated volunteers who commit time to helping disabled Vets learn about fly fishing, tying and casting. Over the course of the past year our program has struggled to gain reliable access to Vet's from the VA, etc. Currently the program leaders are working with local VFW's and American Legions to let people know about this service.

If you know a disabled veteran who would benefit from spending some time with us please contact [Lee McElravy](#)

Please look at our Club's PHW Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/PHWFF.SDFF/>

Join in and help the Club support our PHW program. Lee McElravy is now running this page and has indicated he will be doing regular updates. Share it to any one you know who may benefit from our programs or would like to help. Contact: Lee McElravy for more information

### Fly Tying

PHW leaders are revisiting the fly tying location and time. Expect a new schedule when available to include an evening tying session.

### Fly Casting

Where: Santee lakes, Santee CA

When: third Saturday at 9 AM





# Southwest Council FFI

San Diego Fly Fishers is affiliated with the Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International (FFI).  
Look for more happenings in the SW region in future editions of Finny Facts.

## Southwest Council Fly Fishers International

Who or What is the Southwest Council?

The Southwest Council of Fly Fishers International represents all of Southern California and Nevada. Fly Fishers International is a 54 year old international non-profit organization dedicated to the betterment of the sport of fly fishing through Conservation, Restoration and Education. Fly Fishers International and its Councils are the only organized advocate for fly fishers on a national and regional level.

For more information Contact [John Wylie](#) our Representative for FFI

<https://flyfishersinternational.org/>

<https://www.swcffi.org/shop>



# Membership

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR 2020 dues soon.**

2020 is here and time to renew your membership with San Diego Fly Fishers.

We have a very active year planned with lot's of opportunities to fish and have fun. Don't miss out! Join or renew.

You can renew your membership on-line though the website: [www.sandiegoflyfishers.com](http://www.sandiegoflyfishers.com); or you can renew in person at our monthly programs; or you can download an application on our website and mail a check.

[Renew online](#)

Contact: [Alan Thompson](#)

Or Renew at the next Monthly SDFF Meeting

SDFF has four membership levels

Individual.....\$40

Family.....\$50

Individual Military.....FREE (Active Duty Only)

Family Military.....FREE (Active Duty Only)

## **Renew your membership (or your family's). It's simple.**

1. On-line at [sandiegoflyfishers.com](http://sandiegoflyfishers.com) then follow the instructions.
2. A check by mail to:  
San Diego Fly Fishers,  
10601-G Tierrasanta Blvd. #327  
San Diego, CA 92124
3. In Person at the next club meeting.

Thank you,  
Alan Thompson  
Membership



# Volunteers are needed

San Diego Fly Fishers is a service organization.  
So please ask yourself...

“What service can I provide to my Club”?

## Service Opportunities

### Fishing Outings

This is a chance to help run a fishing outing for Club members. We are seeking volunteers to organize a day of fishing on our local waters. It's fun and easy.

Pick your favorite water and contact

[Kai Schumann](#) or [Mike Gilroy](#) and we will help you get started.

- ◆ Pick a local lake
- ◆ Pick a location for the bay
- ◆ Pick a location for the surf

The whole idea is to involve more members in creating fishing events and get us on the water monthly.

### Fundraising

- ◆ We need 2 or 3 more volunteers to help serve on the committee
- ◆ Contact: [Sherry Ashbaugh](#)

Greeters are needed at our Monthly meetings!

We are planning to have 2 or 3 greeters at each event to help new people into our Club. It's a great way to serve the Club and meet new Flyfishers.

- ◆ Day at the Docks, we need volunteers April 19.

Please contact [Jim Castelluzzo](#)

### Project Healing Waters

- ◆ Help with this important program that serves Veterans in need.
- ◆ If you know of a Veteran in need Please let us know!
- ◆ Contact: [Lee McElravy](#) to learn how you can contribute

### Women's Program

- ◆ Please contact [Sherry Ashbaugh](#) for information and way to get involved

# Fishing!

Follow all the action on the Club's [Facebook](#) page.



**Nice work youngsters!**

Not as many fish pics this month, but the fly tiers were very active!



# Guides and Resources

San Diego Fly Fishers does not endorse or recommend any particular Guide or Business. This Information is intended to provide the reader with known providers of services related to fly fishing in our local area and in California. This is not intended to be a complete list of available services.

## Guides

### Eastern Sierra's

[Sierra Drifters](#)

[Sierra Troutdoorsman](#)

[Pat Jaeger Fly Fishing](#)

[Kern River Fly Shop](#)

### Northern California

[Acosta Fly Fishing](#) (Steelhead)

[Fine and Far Fly Fishing](#) (Steelhead/Spey Trips)

[Baiocchi's Troutfitters](#)

### San Diego Bay/Surf/Lakes

[Conway Bowman](#)

[Alex Cady @ Fly Stop](#)

## Fly Fishing Equipment

[STROUD TACKLE](#)

[THE FLY STOP](#)

[Flies by Favorite](#)

## River Flows and Reports

[Dreamflows](#)

[USGS Flows](#)

[California Data Exchange](#)

[Lower Owens River](#)

# Thanks for supporting San Diego Fly Fishers



Bob Berry Fish Carvings



**GRETCHEN YEAROUS  
CERTIFIED CASTING  
INSTRUCTOR**

**We need your help getting rid of Carp at Lake Cuyamaca!**



**CARP ANGLERS WANTED, CONVENTIONAL ROD AND REEL, SPEAR, OR BOW**

- **KILL A CARP and FISH FOR FREE!**

# Tailing Loops

## San Diego Fly Fishers Board of Directors 2020

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The Board meets at 6:30 PM on the last Monday of each month at the San Diego River Park Foundation Office on Pacific Hwy.

For Directions to all Club Meetings, Clinics and Fly tying classes visit our website at:  
[Activities Maps](#)

## The Indicator

Emailed twice a month with updates and breaking news!  
Make sure you are on the list to stay informed.

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Post your own adventures and pictures.

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Cut-off date for the Finny Facts is the 20th of each month

Please send submissions to:  
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